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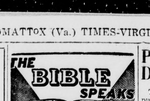

Bible Material: Mark 4:35 through 5:43.

Devotional Reading: John 14:12-20.

Power

Lesson for February 3, 1963

Power is always fascinating. A champion boxer or swimmer, a Palmer or Nicklaus driving down a long fairway, Niagara Falls seen from below, a severe electrical storm, a hurricane,—or the power of influence, of ambition, of fear . . . No kind of power is dull. Those who have it, or control it, seem awed by it themselves; and those of us who have little power are afraid lest power of storm or brute force of brutal men be turned against us. But when ever that word Power strikes the ear or eye, one of three words—or all of them—come to the mind at once, as a kind of question. Power—we think; power for—? power over—? power by—?

Power Over . . .

The four pictures of Jesus in the four Gospels are each one different from the others. Mark's picture is one of the Divine Man of Power. Christ's ideas interested Mark less than at His mighty deeds. For Marc, Jesus spoke by action quite as much as by words. Mark's Gospel gives an amazing answer to the question: What did Jesus have power over? **Everything.** Mark says in effect. Even storms; even death. Things out of this world, like demons, or things in this world, like fever—Jesus controlled them all. This is so astounding that there have always been persons who boggle at it. There must be some exaggeration here, they think, or some imagination running wild. However, let us take it for granted that Mark was telling the truth, wild as it seemed to be then and now. What he affirms is **miracle**, no less. Men today have some power over storms, madness and death; but they do not claim miracles. The miraculous feature of Jesus' miracles was that he didn't **do** anything. He didn't **use** anything. He just **willed** (with or without words) that something happen, or cease to happen — and on the instant, so it was. The whole point of a miracle is not that it is unique or astonishing. The point is, it is not what would happen if nature were left to itself. The doctor giving antibiotics for infection may be using "miracle drugs," but the drugs are not really miraculous, they are as much a part of nature as the germs are. Jesus' will is superior to nature. Jesus commands nature to be un-natural; and it is done.

Power for . . .

There is more to be said. The power of nature seems at times to have no purpose. We talk about an "angry sea," a "bitter wind," but the sea is not angry, and the bitterness of the wind is nothing compared to bitterness in the heart. The sea just smashes and passes on, the wind would as soon freeze a baby as an escaped convict. Nature has no purposes, or if she does she is not aware of them. But all Jesus did—whether we call it miracle or not—was purposeful. Not the purposes of ordinary men may be strong, but they are not always good and they are never completely wise. The purpose of Jesus is nearly every act of power He performed was clear.

Power by . . .

During Jesus' lifetime, we are told, people asked one another: Who then is this? Mark has already introduced Jesus to his readers: this is the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This is power exerted by one who is so Godlike that it can be called **the** Son of God. And this is why (as Christians believe) only a few persons in the long history of the world, and then only for a few moments in all their lifetime, have been permitted to share the divine power that Jesus had. H. G. Wells wrote a story called "The Man Who Could Work Miracles," and any one who reads that charming and funny-tragic story will see why it is that it is a very good thing for the world that miracles (mostly) don't happen. Miracles are safe only when the power that wills them is wielded by one who shares the knowledge and the wisdom and the love of the infinite God. It may become terribly clear to a few survivors, if any, of a nuclear war, that ultimate power, used by angry or ambitious men or nations, may turn miracle into murder.

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Panthers Lose District Lead

The Carver - Price Panthers put four men in double figures but were unable to contain the spirited team from Central of Amherst Friday night and came out on the short end of a 69-67 score. Before the contest Amherst and Carver were tied for the lead and the victory gave to Amherst gave them undisputed possession of the District II Group II leadership.

Carver started the contest off on the wrong note with Amherst scoring two quick field goals on fast - breaks for a 4-0 lead to start the contest. The Panthers were unable to recover from the quick start of Amherst and with numerous bad passes and hurried shots the team was never able to get itself together in the first quarter and they were behind by a score of 18-14 when the first quarter was over. By intermission the complexion of the game hadn't changed very much and the visitors were still ahead by a score of 37-35.

In the third quarter the Panthers were unable to contain the visitors' Dan Braxton, who was the high scorer of the game with 31 points. In the final stanza with 1:29 seconds remaining the Panthers were able to go ahead by one point, but this didn't last long because the team was back at it's old tricks of throwing the ball away. With one minute and 29 seconds remaining in the game, the Panthers had the ball, a two point lead, and they managed to give this advantage away on four bad passes without taking a shot at the basket and that was the ball game.

All was not gloomy during the evening as the Panthers got four men in double figures with Charles Fleshman, Gene Scruggs, Steve Watson and Rochet Robbles scoring 20, 13, 10, and 10 points respectively.

The Panthers and Pantherettes will journey to Charlotte Court House Friday night to entertain a district for their next encounter. The Pantherettes will be trying to keep their 4-0 record in the district unblemished and the Panthers will be trying to improve on their 6-1 district record.

Don't Shoot "Fido"

Is hepatitis in humans the same as hepatitis in dogs? Absolutely not, says county sanitarian G. A. Pisenberger.

Dogs cannot transmit hepatitis to a human, or vice versa, he said.

Not only that, he added, but it's a fact that we now have a vaccine for dogs to prevent canine hepatitis. But so far, he explained, scientists have not been able to perfect a workable vaccine for human beings.

Pastor Says

God Can Use Every Person. . .

Some people will never sing in the church choir. Some cannot be radio or television announcers — they stutter. Many will not write books or plays — they do not have the creative ability to do that. Few people will be professional entertainers — they have no talent for acting. But there is one universal talent — God gave it to everyone. This is the ability to love and be loved.

How effectively are you using this ability — this God- given trait. A small child was not recovering from an illness in spite of all the physician could do. He found no ailment of physical nature. One day somebody left a note on the pillow, "pick up and love every three hours" — it worked. Lack of love and understanding is at the root of much of the emotional and mental illness of our age.

Love is best expressed in simple kindness. Just to know that someone is aware of an ache in your heart is of tremendous help at times. So whatever your talent, bend or native ability, Christian love will enhance it. God will use it to help others.

Love originates in God. He is our best example. The great and gentle Apostle John, who gave us the fourth gospel, three epistles and the Book of Revelation says, "Love is of God, and everyone that loves is born of God." I John 4:7. In his retiring years, we are told by tradition, that he was carried into the service of the church on a couch, and that he quoted most of the epistles to the people while attending the services. "My little children, love one another" he would say.

The "C" note is basic to all music. You can't write or write a score, compose a song or write an oratorio without this fundamental note. Christian Love is the "C" note in happy and resourceful living. God has given every person this talent. Love is not natural coming from the heart, but supernatural coming for God. It is the greatest among the big three in religion — "now abideth faith, hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Sometimes love has to come through a broken heart, but it is better this way than to never have loved. The great Henry Ward Beecher once said, "of all music, that which reached the farthest into heaven is the beating of the truly loving heart".

No we cannot all sing like, Jenny Lind, or Nelson Eddy, or Jerome Hines, but we all can love . . . Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself— this will balance life and society in a wonderful way.

For COLDS take 666

Large Crowd Attends Carver - Price PTA

A very large crowd attended the regular meeting of the Carver-Price P.T.A. last Monday evening at 7:30. The president Rev. J. W. Paige presided. After the devotional period and the reading of the minutes, Mr. Pittsburger was presented. He spoke to the group on the health condition in the county. He gave a very interesting and helpful address on preventing the spread of Hepatitis in the county. A question and answer period was held at the close of his address.

The principal, Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Pittsberger for his presentation.

The installation service for the church officers of the Mount Airy Baptist Church was enjoyed by all who attended last Sunday evening at 3 p.m. The Rev. R. W. Lawing delivered the special sermon. The senior choir of the church rendered special music. The offering was taken by deacons Emanuel Jones and Percy Johnson. The prayer of dedication was given by Deacon Christian.

Mr. Samuel Wheeler died at his home in Campbell county last Sunday evening. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this reporter. His remains rest at the West Fumeral Home.

Mr. Tomolia Womack died at his home in Pamplin early Monday morning. Funeral services will be conducted from the Zion Baptist Church in Pamplin Thursday evening at 1 p.m. The Harvery Funeral Home of Danville, Va. has charge of arrangements.

The public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching services at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Regular preaching services were held at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor of the church delivered a special sermon. The senior choir rendered special music. The offering for the day was very good.

The following college students spent the semester break home with their parents: Miss Beatrice James, Clinton Turner, Bobby and Miss Mary Hicks and Tim Lawing.

An overflow crowd attended the basketball game here Friday between Carver Price and Central of Amherst. The game was exciting all the way. The local Panthers suffered the first defeat of the season with a final score of 67 to 69.

Mrs. Josephine Preston is undergoing special treatment at Lynchburg General Hospital.

The young Mr. Raymond Turner has enrolled in the theological department of Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg for the fall semester.

Mrs. H. R. Foster, science teacher at Carver Price is recovering nicely at her home near Phenix, Va.

Mrs. Joan Lewis, of Bluefield State College is spending the semester break here with her husband, Coach Lewis.

Miss Joyce Ferguson, of Washington, is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. Elsie Ferguson.

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Farm News

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

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Records are important for three reasons — taxes, ...ecurity and farm management. Farm Record Books are ...ble at the county agent's office. A 10-year farm inventory is also available. This forms ...ount record for the farm ...for depreciating farm ...ery, equipment and buildings, and livestock are ...

Farmer's Tax Guide

The 1963 edition of the Farmer's Tax Guide may be picked up from the county agent's office. The Guide reflects the latest changes in the Federal tax laws, resulting from the Revenue Act of 1962. Explained in detail are the tax rights and obligations of farmers, including the new rules for deducting expenses for clearing land, the tax credit for new equipment and the more liberal rules for computing salvage value. Many examples show specifically how the law applies.

Investment Credit For Farmers

Farmers, like other businessmen, this year are given the opportunity to reduce their tax liability by 7 per cent on new or used depreciable property used in their business. The principal types of property eligible for this credit are machinery and equipment. Fences are also included. Buildings and livestock are not eligible. Depreciable property that is eligible must have been secured after December 31, 1961. Eligible property would also have a expected useful life of at least 4 years. To obtain the maximum 7 per cent credit, it must have a useful life of at least 8 years.

For example, items having a useful life of 4 to 5 years, are eligible for only one-third items having a useful life of 6 to 7 years, two-thirds; and items having a useful life of 8 years or more may obtain the total tax credit of 7 per cent.

An example of how this would work: A piece of equipment that has a useful life of 8 years or more, purchased in 1962 at a cost of $1000.00, is eligible for the 7 per cent credit, or $70.00. A farmer finding his tax to be $300.00 can subtract the $70.0 from this amount, leaving a net tax due of $230.00.

To obtain this investment credit, the taxpayer must file Form 4468 with his tax return. Copies of this form are available in the county agent's office.

County Line

Jan. 31 — We are glad to report Donald Perrgusen is improving nicely in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mullins, Mrs. Emory Mullins and family, visited Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reynolds, of Sport Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash and W. D. Nash, Sunday.

Miss Margaret Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann and family and Mrs. Shelby Tucker and Sue visited Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann, Sunday.

Carol Layne, of Pamplin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann, Saturday.

Miss Sandra Pankey, of Pamplin was supper guest of Miss Brenda Nash Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullins, Saturday night.

Quite a few attended the quilting for Mrs. William Mayberry on Friday.

Rocks

Jan. 31 — It was quite icy here during the week end and very cold, too.

A small crowd attended the Training Union Exec. Committee meeting at New Chapel Church, Monday night.

The community was shocked last Tuesday when news came that Mrs. Etta Orange died at her home that morning.

The Y. W. A. members and their leader went to see Mrs. Claudie Ranton at Spout Spring Tuesday night.

Mrs. Rosa Marks and Cassie Baldwin were visiting at Crest Haven Rest Home late Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Julian Glover, of Crewe, spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Richardson.

A very large crowd attended the funeral of Mrs. Etta Orange, Thursday afternoon at Evergreen Methodist Church. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Mrs. Mildred Inge spent Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. Bernard Richardson.

Phillip Inge was sick over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Paulette were visiting the former's aunts, Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Lizzie Robinson, of Pamplin, Sunday afternoon.

In spite of the icy roads Sunday morning 38 were present for Sunday School.

4-H News

Mrs. Evan's Sixth Grade 4-H Club met January 8, 1963. Our president, Allen Booth, called the meeting to order. Our president told us about the annual 4-H Shar ebe Fun Contest, the Demonstration Contest and the Public Speaking Contest.

Miss Peggy Berger handed out some of our record books and explained them. Our song leader led in three songs, "Buckleberry Finn," "Liza Jane" and "Down in the Valley."

Mr. Moody showed us several items that we could buy or make to give our rooms more color. He showed us pictures and told us where we could get them.

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Mrs. Cunningham's 4-H Club met on January 8, 1963. The president, Linda Jo Moses, called the meeting to order. Secretary, Cynthia Nash, read the minutes of the last meeting. Everett Hendricks and Leonda Hudson led us in a song. Mr. Moody and Miss Berger talked about our home project and then our room project. Miss Berger showed us many accessories that we can make for our rooms which will make them more attractive.

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Mrs. Lipon's 5th grade met on January 10, 1963. The meeting came to order. Miss Berger told us about the "Share the Fun" contest. The vice president chose five people to tell about their room. The program was then turned over to Mr. Moody. He gave us our project information and showed us some things for

The Hebron 4-H Club met Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. V. A. Stinton. The meeting was called to order and the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. We then saw a film on the cotton tail rabbit. After that we decided to ask the game warden to talk to us next month on wildlife and answer some of our questions. The meeting was then adjourned.

Hollywood

Mrs. W. T. Covington and Mrs. Ora Coleman called in the home of Mrs. Bev Abbitt and Mrs. Addie Jenkins, Saturday afternoon.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Elliott Torrence. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bagby called in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond, Saturday morning.

Mrs. Emma Lemon carried her aunt, Mrs. C. R. Banton, to Lynchburg, Tuesday.

Charlie Bagby called in the homes of G. P. Beasley and C. R. Banton, Tuesday.

Friends are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Dee Richardson. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Dorothy Beasley and Claude Hamlett, of Lynchburg, and Dennis Reynolds, of Hurt, were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franklin and family and David Franklin visited Mrs. C. E. Franklin, Sunday.

Mr. Leslie Turns, of Farmville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mrs. W. T. Covington, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Almond, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond and family, Saturday.

Mrs. Mattie Walker Coleman died Saturday in a Lynchburg hospital. We wish to extend sympathy to the family.

Friends are so glad to hear that Joe Slough is slowly improving after his operation last week. His children from Baltimore, Richmond and Appomattox were with him during the week and week end.

Grover Beasley and Sam Lye, of Appomattox, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley, Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Lemon spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bagby. In the afternoon they visited Mrs. Willie Brown and Alice Goin.

We are having some awful cold weather now. It was down to zero this a.m. Due to ice and cold weather only a few got to Sunday School and preaching Sunday at Hollywood.

We are glad Mrs. J. L. Torrence is able to be out again. She had a very bad foot.

Town Worker

Leo H. Johnson has been hired to fill the vacanv on the town staff according to Appomattox Town manager Charlie Hunter. Johnson begins work tomorrow, February 1st.

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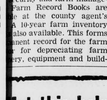

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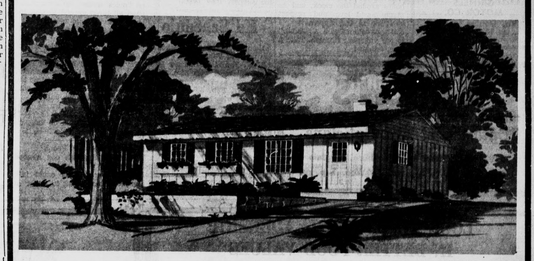

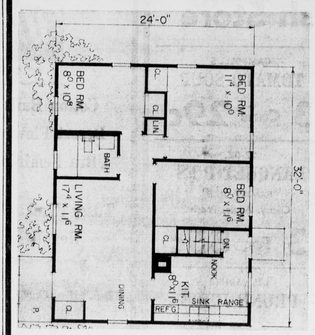

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